GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Registration & Stamps Department – Surprise check conducted on the officials of Sub-Registrar Office, Biccavolu, East Godavari District on 02.09.2020 – Allegations of misconduct – Disciplinary action against Smt. P. Vijaya Lakshmi, Sub-Registrar O/o Sub-Registrar Office, Biccavolu, East Godavari District - Common disciplinary proceedings initiated – Articles of Charge framed - Orders – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE–II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 572 **Dated: 13-06-2025**
Read the following:

1. From DG, ACB, A.P, C.No.102/DES-REG/2020, Dt.23.07.2024.
2. G.O.Ms.No.201, Revenue (Vig.II) Department, dated:13.06.2025.

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O R D E R :

In continuation of the orders issued under Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 in the reference 2nd read above, it is considered necessary to hold an enquiry against Smt. P. Vijaya Lakshmi, Sub Registrar O/o Sub-Registrar Office, Biccavolu, East Godavari District under Rule 20 of the said rules.

2. The substance of the imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I) and the imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III & IV).

3. Smt. P. Vijaya Lakshmi, Sub-Registrar O/o Sub-Registrar Office, Biccavolu, East Godavari District is directed to submit a written statement of her defence within ten days of the receipt of this order.

4. She is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. She should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Smt. P. Vijaya Lakshmi, Sub-Registrar O/o Sub-Registrar Office, Biccavolu, East Godavari District is further informed that if she does not submit her written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Smt. P. Vijaya Lakshmi, Sub-Registrar O/o Sub-Registrar Office, Biccavolu, East Godavari District is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interests in respect of matters pertaining to her service under Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt

with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that she is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. JAYALAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To,

Smt. P. Vijaya Lakshmi, Sub Registrar O/o Sub-Registrar Office, Biccavolu, East Godavari District (copy through the Commissioner and Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Tadepalli along with Annexures-I to IV)

Copy to:

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Secretariat Building No.5, Velagapudi, Guntur District.

The Director General Anti-Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh Pandit Nehru Bus Station, NTR Administrative Block, 2nd Floor Vijayawada.

The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh Tadepalli, Guntur District (with a request to serve the order on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature to Government)

The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kakinada.

Sf/Sc.

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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT PILLARISETTY VIJAYA LAKSHMI, SUB-REGISTRAR GRADE-I, BICCAVOLU, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT IN 06/SC-RJY/2020 OF ACB, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RANGE.

Smt. Pillarisetty Vijaya Lakshmi, W/o Sai Vara Prasad, Age- 58 years, Sub Registrar, Grade-1, Biccavolu, East Godavari District (here-in-after referred to as Government Servant) while functioning as such during the period between 08.07.2019 to 02.09.2020 (till the date of surprise check) committed grave misconduct in as much as:

CHARGE-I:-

That the Government Servant has failed to declare her personal cash in the Personal Cash Declaration Register though she was on duty on 02.09.2020 (i.e on the date of surprise check) and found in possession of unaccounted amount of Rs.700/- and failed to offer her satisfactory explanation.

CHARGE-II :-

That the Government Servant has engaged One Private Persons viz. Sri Ampolu Anil Kumar for doing official duties and personal work in the office of Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu by violating the rules in vogue.

CHARGE-III :-

That the Government Servant has allowed 06 private document writers into the office who were found in possession of inexplicable amount of Rs. 25,960/- by violating the rules in vogue.

CHARGE-IV:-

That the Government Servant has failed to supervise the staff working under her control who failed to enter their personal cash in the personal cash register.

CHARGE-V:-

That the Government Servant was failed to maintain properly certain mandatory registers such as, 1) Attendance Register 2) Personal Cash Declaration Register Properly.

CHARGE-VI:-

That the Government Servant was failed to give satisfactory explanation for the un accounted cash of Rs.7,050/- which was found in a Maroon color bag (Wild craft) under the computer table of Sri Tummalapalli Ramakrishna Raju,

Junior Assistant and an amount of Rs.2,400/- was also found in the left side table desk of Sri Tummalapalli Ramakrishna Raju, Junior Assistant neither Sri Tummalapalli Ramakrishna Raju nor the Sub-Register fail to submitted the account for the same which revealed that Smt. P. Vijaya Lakshmi, Sub Register is also responsible for the said unaccounted money.

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CHARGE-VII:-

That the Government Servant is responsible for an amount of Rs.7,050/- which was seized from a dust bin in old shed which is on the rear side of the chamber of Sub-Registrar during the surprise check at the instance of Sri A. Anil Kumar, private person engaged by the Government servant who is responsible for the said unaccounted money.

Thus, the Government Servant by her above mentioned acts exhibited lack of devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby violated / contravened Rules 3(1), (2) & (5) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

G. JAYA LAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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SECTION OFFICER

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Smt Pillarysetty Vijaya Lakshmi, w/o Sai Vara Prasad, 58 years is a native of Machilipatnam, Krishna District. Her date of birth is 08.07.1966. She joined in the Government Service on 10.06.1992 as Junior Assistant. On consequent promotions, she rose to the rank of Sub Registrar Grade-I, Biccavolu on 08.07.2019 and was working in the same capacity at Biccavolu, East Godavari District. Her basic pay is 66,330/-. She is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.07.2026. She is here-in-after referred to as Government Servant.

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FACTS AND EVIDENCE:

On credible information that the Sub-Registrar and staff O/o Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu, East Godavari District were indulging in corrupt practices by way of collecting Mamools/bribe as commission through the document writers from the persons who would approach for registration in their office, the ACB officials of Rajamahendravaram Range conducted a Surprise check on the Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu in the presence of mediators 1) Sri G. Sandeep, 32 years, Asst. Engineer, Municipal Corporation, Rajamahendravaram and 2) Smt. P.V. Kameswari, 54 years, Junior Assistant, Municipal Corporation, Rajamahendravaram from 15.30 hours to 21.00 hrs on 02.09.2020.

The Surprise Check team consisting of Sri P. Ramachandra Rao, DSP, A.C.B., Rajamahendravaram Range and his staff along with the above mentioned two official mediators left the ACB office at 14.00 hours on 02.09.2020 and reached the vicinity of the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu at 15.00 hours.

After reaching the Sub-Registrar Office, Biccavolu, the search party got down from the vehicles and as per the instructions of the DSP, ACB all the raid party members to observe the happenings taking place in the Sub Registrar Office by concealing themselves in the public. Accordingly, all the members took vantage positions around the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu. After observing the proceedings for a while, raid was conducted on the said office at about 15.15 hours.

The Sub-Registrar Office is located besides Panchayat, Biccavolu, East Godavari District and is an old tiled building consisting of one Varandah, one hall which was portioned into Sub-Registrar's Dias and Computers cabin where the staff of the Sub- Registrar's office are attending to their office work. One record room and one extended RCC room which is being used as temporary record room and wash room is located in the North-West Corner to this room. On the Western side of the building one old shed is located which is being used by the document writers.

On entering into the office of the Sub-Registrar office, one female person aged about 53 yrs., was found sitting on the Dias of the Sub-Registrar in an office chair. Some persons were also present in front of the Dias of Sub-Registrar. The DSP introduced himself, mediators and other members of search party to the person sitting on the Dias and persons who were present in the office and explained the purpose of their visit. The DSP ascertained the identity of the person who was sitting on the Dias of Sub-Registrar as Smt. Pillarisetty Vijaya Lakshmi, W/o K. Vara Prasad, 53 years, Sub-Registrar, Registrations & Stamps Department, Biccavolu and requested her to extend her co- operation during the surprise check. The DSP and other ACB officials allowed themselves to search their personal belongings and cash in the presence of mediators before the commencing the search. Later, the DSP instructed the Inspectors and staff to close the doors and windows of the office and observe the persons who were present in the office.

On the request of the DSP, the staff found in the computer room disclosed their identity as 1) Sri Sathi Bhaskara Reddy, S/o Venkata Ramireddy, 32 years, Junior Assistant, O/o Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu, R/o Tarvanipeta, Mandapeta, 2) Sri Tummalapalli Ramakrishnam Raju, Satyanarayana, 36 years, Junior Assistant, O/o Sub- Registrar, Biccavolu, R/o D.No.10-5-19, Ramaraopet, Kakinada. Along with the above staff two Asst. Document Writers namely 1) Nidadavolu Seshagiri, S/o Subbarao, 32 years, Asst. of Goli Bapiraju, Document Writer, R/o D.No.54-2-20, Gopalanagar, Rajamahendravaram, 2) Ijjana Vijaya Kumar, S/o Veerraju, 26 years, Asst. of Goli Bapiraju, Document Writer, R/o Dontamuru Village, Rangampeta were also present in the computers room.

Then DSP, ACB, requested the Sub-Registrar and other staff members to produce the cash available with them. Similarly, the search party also searched the respective table drawers of the staff and the office premises and found the following amounts with the following staff. On the request of the DSP the Sub-Registrar produced personal cash declaration register. On perusal of the register the following amounts are declared by the staff noted against each one.

Sl.No	*Name and designation of the employee*	*Amount declared in the personal*	*Amount found in posswssion in Rs.*	*Variation*	*Explanation offered by the employee*

		cash in Rs.			
1.	**Smt. P. Vijaya Lakshmi, Sub-Registrar**	**Not declared**	**700/-**	**--**	**Not accounted for satisfactorily**
2.	Sri Sathi Bhaskara Reddy, Jr. Asst.	300/-	4000/-	3700/- is excess	Not accounted for satisfactorily about the excess amount
3.	Sri Tummalapalli Ramakrishnam Raju,Jr.Asst.	Not declared	390/-	--	Not accounted for satisfactorily
4.	D.V. Ramanamma, Attender.	Not declared	4690/-	--	Not accounted for satisfactorily

The personal amount of Rs.300/- which was declared by Sri Sathi Bhaskara Reddy, Jr.Assistant was returned to him under proper acknowledgment. The remaining non declared and excess amount of Rs.9,480/- which was found in possession of SRO and other staff members was seized by the DSP as they failed to account for satisfactorily. The DSP seized the Personal Cash Declaration Register which is being maintained from 12.03.2020 to 02.09.2020 duly attested by the mediators.

During the enquiry the DSP secured Sri Ch. Nagalingeswara Rao, District Registrar, Kakinada, East Godavari district and examined him. On examination, he stated that he has been working as District Registrar, Kakinada, East Godavari District since 10.07.2019. Total 14 Sub-Registrar offices comes under his jurisdiction. On 02.09.2020 evening he came to know that the ACB Officials conducting raid on the office of Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu through DSP, ACB, Rajamahendravaram over phone and requested to attend Sub-Registrar to describe procedural aspects of the Sub-Registrar office. Then he informed the DSP that he could not attend the Sub-registrar office as he had applied for leave on 03.09.2020 & 04.09.2020. On 14.09.2020 he has attended ACB Office, Rajamahendravaram and given the statement. The Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu comes under his jurisdiction. Smt. P. Vijaya Lakshmi has been working as Sub-Registrar in the Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu since 08.07.2019. There are 01 Senior Assistant, 02 Junior Assistants and 01 Office Sub-ordinate are working in the Sub-Registrar office along with the Sub-Registrar. After due perused of the copy of search proceedings, he came to know that certain irregularities were committed by the Sub-Registrar i.e., she has engaged one private person for doing official duties and other personal works. She also has allowed document writers/assistant document writers into the office, seizing of un-accounted amounts from the office staff by the ACB officials, non-maintenance of certain mandatory records properly. As per Memo No.101/Spl.B/2000-4, G.A.(Spl.B) Dept., dt.17.4.2001, the Government clarified that Rule 12 of the A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules, 1964 clearly spells out that no Government servant should engage in any employment or work other than connected with his official duties and that there is no provision anywhere to engage a private person to perform official functions. It is illegal and amounts to misconduct to indulge in such activities. As per ACB mediators report he came to know that Smt. P. Vijaya Lakshmi, Sub-Registrar engaged one private person

i.e., Ampolu Anil Kumar of Biccavolu Mandal for discharging official duties as against the rules in vogue. The Govt., also gave clear instructions vide Circular Memo No. X2/10708/94, dt.30.12.1997 issued by the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P., Hyderabad, it was clearly mentioned that 'In all cases of Surprise Checks where unaccounted cash is found (i) with the employees, (ii) in the presence of office and (iii) with the unauthorized persons in the office, the normal presumption shall be that it is illegal amount obtained from the parties. Hence, it is observed from the mediator's report that the collection of illegal gratification is allegedly going on in the Sub-Registrar Office, Biccavolu from the parties approaching for registration of documents etc., through private document writers. In U.O. Note No. 1515/SC.D/83-1, G.A(SC.D) Dept., dt.18.8.1983, the Government directed that all Departments of Secretariat who have got check-posts and offices under their Heads of Department dealing with cash transactions to take necessary action to issue instructions through the concerned to the officials in check posts and Sub-Registry offices, Transport offices etc., as desired by the Director, Anti - Corruption Bureau to facilitate verification whether the money found at the time of the check on the person of the officers, actually belongs to them or is a bribe amount collected from parties and etc facts.

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As per the Oral evidence mentioned vide serial Nos. 1, 2 & 13 in the Annexure - lll and documentary evidence mentioned vide serial Nos-1,3,6,7 & 8 in the Annexure - IV establishes the above acts exhibited by the Government Servant.

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The search party separated the persons in the office of Sub-Registrar and ascertaining their identity, on knowing the identity of the ACB Officials, **a person wearing Black & Cement colour full-sleeves T-shirt rushed into the old shed of the document writers. On suspicion, the ACB officials followed and intercepted him in the shed and ascertained his name and identity as Sri Ampolu Anil Kumar, S/o Veerraju, 31 years, Private employee, O/o Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu, R/o D.No.8-68, Kothapeta, Biccavolu, East**

Godavari District. On enquiry, as to why he was rushed into the old shed, he became panic and on further enquiry he produced three wads of currency notes total Rs.7,050/- and one paper slip written as S.R. 500 from the dust bin in the old document writer's room.

On examination, he stated that he was engaged by the Sub-Registrar about six months back on a daily wage basis of Rs.100/- per day. Every day he used to come to office at 10.30 a.m. His duty is to take photos and finger prints of the claimants and executants who come for registration and also attend the works as assigned by the Sub-Registrar and staff and also supply tea to the Sub-Registrar and staff. On 02.09.2020 he attended duty at 10.30 a.m. At about 14.30 hrs., he came to Sub-Registrar office after having lunch. When asked about the cash produced by him, he failed to account for the amount of Rs.7,050/- found in his possession. The DSP seized the said amount.

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On the request of the DSP, the staff found in the computer room disclosed their identity as 1) Sri Sathi Bhaskara Reddy, S/o Venkata Ramireddy, 32 years, Junior Assistant, O/o Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu, R/o Tarvanipeta, Mandapeta, 2) Sri Tummalapalli Ramakrishnam Raju, Satyanarayana, 36 years, Junior Assistant, O/o Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu, R/o D.No.10-5-19, Ramaraopet, Kakinada. Along with the above staff two Asst. Document Writers namely 1) Nidadavolu Seshagiri, S/o Subbarao, 32 years, Asst. of Goli Bapiraju, Document Writer, R/o D.No.54-2-20, Gopalanagar, Rajamahendravaram, 2) Ijjana Vijaya Kumar, S/o Veerraju, 26 years, Asst. of Goli Bapiraju, Document Writer, R/o Dontamuru Village, Rangampeta were also present in the computers room.

During search, the DSP got personal search of all private persons/document writers who are present in the office of the Sub-Registrar in the presence of the mediators and the details of the un-accounted cash found with them are given under.

Sl .No.	Name	Amount Found
1.	Sri Goli Bapiraju	17,500/-
2.	Sri Kaki Venkannababu	2,060/-

3.	Sri Tatavarthi Durga Prasad	4,790/-
4.	Sri Vaddadi Venkata Tammiraju	610/-
5.	Ijjala Vijaya Kumar	1,000/-
6.	Nidadhavolu Sesha Giri	Nil

The DSP examined them and obtained their statements duly attested by the mediators, as follows.

On examination of **Sri Goli Bapiraju, S/o Jeevaratnam, 42 years, Document Writer,** O/o Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu, East Godavari District, stated that he has been working as Document Writer in Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu for the last four years. For registration of each document, he used to collect Rs.2000/- towards their fee from the parties. On 02.09.2020, he came to the office of Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu and submitted two documents for registration. Out of which, one is Gift Deed of Sri Bolli Indu of Namavaram Village and another is Sale deed of Smt. Bathina Aruna Kumari of Elakolanu Village, Rangampeta Mandal and have to submit for registration. He handed over the document of Smt. Bathina Aruna Kumari. He failed to account for the amount of Rs.17,500/- found in his possession. The DSP seized the said amount.

On examination of **Sri Kaki Venkannababu, S/o Late Sankaram, 31 years, Asst. Document Writer** to Sri V. Balaji (Document Writer), O/o Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu, stated that he has been working as Asst. Document Writer to Sri V. Balaji, Document Writer in the O/o Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu for the last one year. For registration of each document, Sri V. Balaji used to pay Rs.500/- to Rs.600/- to him as charges. On 02.09.2020, he came to the office of Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu along with Sri Tatavarthi Durga Prasad, Secondary Grade Teacher and submitted one sale deed of Smt. Karri Manikyamma which was endorsed by Sri Dwarapudi Satyananda Reddy, Document Writer. Sri Kaki Venkannababu failed to account for the amount of Rs.2,060/- found in his possession. The DSP seized the said amount.

On examination of **Sri Tatavarthi Durga Prasad, S/o Venkata Ratnam,** 50 years, Govt. Teacher, SGT, Rangapuram (V), Biccavolu (M), East Godavari District, stated that he has been working as SGT in M.P.P. School, Rangapuram village. As his father was worked as Village Karnam, he has the knowledge regarding measurements of sites and documentation. Earlier he worked as Document Writer. In leisure time, he is attending for registrations along with his friend Sri Kaki Venkannababu , used to attend as assistants to Sri Dwarapudi Satyananda Reddy, Document Writer. On 02.09.2020, he has attended Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu along with Kaki Venkannababu at 15.00 hrs., for registration of document belongs to Sri Nallamilli Ramasankara Reddy which was endorsed by Sri Dwarapudi Satyananda Reddy, Document Writer. At about 15.15 hours, some persons came and surrounded him in the Sub-Registrar office. He brought an amount of Rs.4,790/-, but he failed to account for satisfactorily. The DSP seized the said amount.

On examination of Sri Vaddadi Venkata Tammiraju, S/o Venkata Suryanarayana Murthy, 62 years, Document Writer, O/o Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu, stated that he has been working as Document Writer in Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu since 33 years. For registration of each document, he used to collect Rs.2000/- towards their fee from the parties. On 02.09.2020, he came to the office of Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu for

miscellaneous works and he did not submit any document. At about 15.15 hours, some persons came and surrounded him in the Sub-Registrar office and found Rs.610/- with him. He failed to account for the amount of Rs.610/- found in his possession. The DSP seized the said amount.

On examination of **Sri Nidadavolu Seshagiri, S/o Subbarao, 32 years, stated that he has been working as Asst. Document Writer** to Sri Goli Bapiraju who is Document Writer in Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu for the last one year. Sri Goli Bapiraju has been paying an amount of Rs.6,000/- p.m. On 02.09.2020, he came to the office of Sub- Registrar, Biccavolu along with Ijjana Vijaya Kumar who is another Asst. Document Writer to the said Goli Bapiraju etc., facts.

On examination of **Sri Ijjana Vijaya Kumar, S/o Veerraju, 26 years stated that he has been working as Asst. Document Writer** to Sri Goli Bapiraju who is a Document Writer in Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu for the last two years. Sri Goli Bapiraju has been paying an amount of Rs.6,000/- p.m. On 02.09.2020, he came to the office of Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu along with Sri Nidadavolu Seshagiri. He failed to account for the amount of Rs.1000/- found in his possession. The DSP seized the said amount.

During the enquiry the DSP secured Sri Ch. Nagalingeswara Rao, District Registrar, Kakinada, East Godavari district and examined him. On examination, he stated that he has been working as District Registrar, Kakinada, East Godavari District since 10.07.2019. Total 14 Sub-Registrar offices comes under his jurisdiction. On 02.09.2020 evening he came to know that the ACB Officials conducting raid on the office of Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu through DSP, ACB, Rajamahendravaram over phone and requested to attend Sub-Registrar to describe procedural aspects of the Sub-Registrar office. Then he informed the DSP that he could not attend the Sub-registrar office as he had applied for leave on 03.09.2020 & 04.09.2020. On 14.09.2020 he has attended ACB Office, Rajamahendravaram and given the statement. the Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu comes under his jurisdiction. Smt. P. Vijaya Lakshmi has been working as Sub-Registrar in the Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu since 08.07.2019. There are 01 Senior Assistant, 02 Junior Assistants and 01 Office Sub-ordinate are working in the Sub-Registrar office along with the Sub-Registrar. After due perused of the copy of search proceedings, he came to know that certain irregularities were committed by the Sub-Registrar i.e., she has engaged one private person for doing official duties and other personal works. **She also has allowed document writers/assistant document writers into the office, seizing of un-accounted amounts from the office staff by the ACB officials,** non- maintenance of certain mandatory records properly. As per Memo No.101/Spl.B/2000-4, G.A. (Spl.B) Dept., dt.17.4.2001, the Government clarified that Rule 12 of the A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules, 1964 clearly spells out that no Government servant should engage in any employment or work other than connected with his official duties and that there is no provision anywhere to engage a private person to perform official functions. It is illegal and amounts to misconduct to indulge in such activities. As per ACB mediators report he came to know that Smt. P. Vijaya Lakshmi, Sub-Registrar engaged one private person i.e., Ampolu Anil Kumar of Biccavolu Mandal for discharging official duties as against the rules in vogue. The Govt., also gave clear instructions vide Circular Memo No. X2/10708/94, dt.30.12.1997 issued by the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P., Hyderabad, it was clearly mentioned that 'In all cases of Surprise Checks where, unaccounted cash is found

(i) with the employees, (ii) in the presence of office and (iii) with the unauthorized persons in the office, the normal presumption shall be that it is illegal amount obtained from the parties. Hence, it is observed from the mediator's report that the collection of illegal gratification is allegedly going on in the Sub-Registrar Office, Biccavolu from the parties approaching for registration of documents etc., through private document writers. In U.O. Note No. 1515/SC.D/83-1 G.A (SC. D) Dept., dt. 18.8.1983, the Government directed that all Departments of Secretariat who have got check-posts and offices under their Heads of Department dealing with cash transactions to take necessary action to issue instructions through the concerned to the officials in check posts and Sub-Registry offices, Transport offices etc., as desired by the Director, Anti - Corruption Bureau to facilitate verification whether the money found at the time of the check on the person of the officers, actually belongs to them or is a bribe amount collected from parties and etc facts.

As per Circular Memo No. X2/10708/94, dt.30.12.1997 issued by the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P., Hyderabad, it was clearly mentioned that 'In all cases of Surprise Checks where unaccounted cash is found (i) with the employees, (ii) in the premises of office and (iii) **with the unauthorized persons in the office,** the normal presumption shall be that it is illegal amount obtained from the parties. He also stated about the non-maintenance of certain mandatory records properly in the Office by the Government Servant. As per the standing order 9 (f) in AP Registration Manual Part- II of the Registration and Stamps Department the Sub Registrar shall be over all in-charge of records of Registrar Office though the Senior Assistant may assist him in maintenance and preservation of the records etc facts. The DSP also obtained his signed statement.

As per memo No.101/SPL.8/2000-4, dated 17.04.2001 of the General Administration (Special-B) Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh discloses that no manual or any procedure prescribed to engage a private person to perform certain official duties during departmental activity. It is illegal and also amounts to misconduct to indulge in such activities.

As per the Oral evidence mentioned vide serial Nos. 1, 2,4,5,7,8,9,11,12 &13 in the Annexure-lll and documentary evidence mentioned vide serial Nos-1,4 (I to XI), 6 & 8 in the Annexure - IV establishes the above acts exhibited by the Government Servant.

CHARGE-IV:-

That the Government Servant has failed to supervise the staff working under her control who failed to enter their personal cash in the personal cash register.

Facts and Evidence: -

On credible information that the Sub-Registrar and staff O/o Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu, East Godavari District were indulging in corrupt practices by way of collecting Mamools / bribe as commission through the document writers from the persons who would approach for registration in their office, the ACB officials of Rajamahendravaram Range conducted a Surprise check on the Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu in the presence of mediators 1) Sri G. Sandeep, 32 years, Asst. Engineer, Municipal Corporation, Rajamahendravaram and 2) Smt. P.V.

Kameswari, 54 years, Junior Assistant, Municipal Corporation, Rajamahendravaram from 15.30 hours to 21.00 hrs on 02.09.2020.

The Surprise Check team consisting of Sri P. Ramachandra Rao, DSP, A.C.B., Rajamahendravaram Range and his staff along with the above mentioned two official mediators left the ACB office at 14.00 hours on 02.09.2020 and reached the vicinity of the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu at 15.00 hours.

After reaching the Sub-Registrar Office, Biccavolu, the search party got down from the vehicles and as per the instructions of the DSP, ACB all the raid party members to observe the happenings taking place in the Sub Registrar Office by concealing themselves in the public. Accordingly, all the members took vantage positions around the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu. After observing the proceedings for a while, raid was conducted on the said office at about 15.15 hours.

The Sub-Registrar Office is located besides Panchayat, Biccavolu, East Godavari District and is an old tiled building consisting of one Varandah, one hall which was portioned into Sub-Registrar's Dias and Computers cabin where the staff of the Sub- Registrar's office are attending to their office work. One record room and one extended RCC room which is being used as temporary record room and wash room is located in the North-West Corner to this room. On the Western side of the building one old shed is located which is being used by the document writers.

On entering into the office of the Sub-Registrar office, one female person aged about 53 yrs., was found sitting on the Dias of the Sub-Registrar in an office chair. Some persons were also present in front of the Dias of Sub-Registrar. The DSP introduced himself, mediators and other members of search party to the person sitting on the Dias and persons who were present in the office and explained the purpose of their visit. The DSP ascertained the identity of the person who was sitting on the Dias of Sub-Registrar as Smt. Pillarisetty Vijaya Lakshmi, W/o K. Vara Prasad, 53 years, Sub-Registrar, Registrations & Stamps Department, Biccavolu and requested her to extend her co-operation during the surprise check. The DSP and other ACB officials allowed themselves to search their personal belongings and cash in the presence of mediators before the commencing the search. Later, the DSP instructed the Inspectors and staff to close the doors and windows of the office and observe the persons who were present in the office.

On the request of the DSP, the staff found in the computer room disclosed their identity as 1) Sri Sathi Bhaskara Reddy, S/o Venkata Ramireddy, 32 years, Junior Assistant, O/o Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu, R/o Tarvanipeta, Mandapeta, 2) Sri Tummalapalli Ramakrishnam Raju, Satyanarayana, 36 years, Junior Assistant, O/o Sub- Registrar, Biccavolu, R/o D.No.10-5-19, Ramaraopet, Kakinada. Along with the above staff two Asst. Document Writers namely 1) Nidadavolu Seshagiri, S/o Subbarao, 32 years, Asst. of Goli Bapiraju, Document Writer, R/o D.No.54-2-20, Gopalanagar, Rajamahendravaram, 2) Ijjana Vijaya Kumar, S/o Veerraju, 26 years, Asst. of Goli Bapiraju, Document Writer, R/o Dontamuru Village, Rangampeta were also present in the computers room.

Then DSP, ACB, requested the Sub-Registrar and other staff members to produce the cash available with them. Similarly, the search party also searched the respective table drawers of the staff and the office premises and found the

following amounts with the following staff. On the request of the DSP the Sub-Registrar produced personal cash declaration register. On perusal of the register the following amounts are declared by the staff noted against each one.

Sl.No	*Name and designation of the employee*	*Amount declared in the personal cash in Rs.*	*Amount found in posswssion in Rs.*	*Variation*	*Explanation offered by the employee*
1.	Smt. P. Vijaya Lakshmi, Sub-Registrar	Not declared	700/-	--	Not accounted for satisfactorily.
2.	Sri Sathi Bhaskara Reddy, Jr. Asst.	300	4000/-	3700/- is excess	Not accounted for satisfactorily about the excess amount.
3.	Sri Tummalapalli Ramakrishnam Raju,Jr.Asst.	Not declared	390/-	--	Not accounted for satisfactorily.
4.	D.V. Ramanamma, Attender.	Not declared	4690/-	--	Not accounted for satisfactorily.

The personal amount of Rs.300/- which was declared by Sri Sathi Bhaskara Reddy, Jr. Assistant was returned to him under proper acknowledgment. The remaining non declared and excess amount of Rs.9,480/- which was found in possession of SRO and other staff members was seized by the DSP as they failed to account for satisfactorily. The DSP seized the Personal Cash Declaration Register which is being maintained from 12.03.2020 to 02.09.2020 duly attested by the mediators.

During the enquiry the DSP secured Sri Ch. Nagalingeswara Rao, District Registrar, Kakinada, East Godavari district and examined him. On examination, he stated that he has been working as District Registrar, Kakinada, East Godavari District since 10.07.2019. Total 14 Sub-Registrar offices comes under his jurisdiction. On 02.09.2020 evening he came to know that the ACB Officials conducting raid on the office of Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu through DSP, ACB, Rajamahendravaram over phone and requested to attend Sub-Registrar to describe procedural aspects of the Sub-Registrar office. Then he informed the DSP that he could not attend the Sub-registrar office as he had applied for leave on 03.09.2020 & 04.09.2020. On 14.09.2020 he has attended ACB Office, Rajamahendravaram and given the statement. the Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu comes under his jurisdiction. Smt. P. Vijaya Lakshmi has been working as Sub-Registrar in the Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu since 08.07.2019. There are 01 Senior Assistant, 02 Junior Assistants and 01 Office Sub-ordinate are working in the Sub-Registrar office along with the Sub-Registrar. After due perused of the copy of search proceedings, he came to know that certain

irregularities were committed by the Sub-Registrar i.e., she has engaged one private person for doing official duties and other personal works. She also has allowed document writers/assistant document writers into the office, seizing of un-accounted amounts from the office staff by the ACB officials, non-maintenance of certain mandatory records properly. As per Memo No.101/Spl.B/2000-4, G.A. (Spl.B) Dept., dt.17.4.2001, the Government clarified that Rule 12 of the A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules, 1964 clearly spells out that no Government servant should engage in any employment or work other than connected with his official duties and that there is no provision anywhere to engage a private person to perform official functions. It is illegal and amounts to misconduct to indulge in such activities. As per ACB mediators report he came to know that Smt. P. Vijaya Lakshmi, Sub-Registrar engaged one private person i.e., Ampolu Anil Kumar of Biccavolu Mandal for discharging official duties as against the rules in vogue. The Govt., also gave clear instructions vide Circular Memo No. X2/10708/94, dt.30.12.1997 issued by the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P., Hyderabad, it was clearly mentioned that 'In all cases of Surprise Checks where, unaccounted cash is found (i) with the employees, (ii) in the presence of office and (iii) with the unauthorized persons in the office, the normal presumption shall be that it is illegal amount obtained from the parties. Hence, it is observed from the mediator's report that the collection of illegal gratification is allegedly going on in the Sub-Registrar Office, Biccavolu from the parties approaching for registration of documents etc., through private document writers. In U.O. Note No. 1515/SC.D/83-1, G.A (SC. D) Dept., dt.18.8.1983, the Government directed that all Departments of Secretariat who have got check-posts and offices under their Heads of Department dealing with cash transactions to take necessary action to issue instructions through the concerned to the officials in check posts and Sub-Registry offices, Transport offices etc., as desired by the Director, Anti - Corruption Bureau to facilitate verification whether the money found at the time of the check on the person of the officers, actually belongs to them or is a bribe amount collected from parties and etc facts.

As per Circular Memo No. X2/10708/94, dt.30.12.1997 issued by the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P., Hyderabad, it was clearly mentioned that 'In all cases of Surprise Checks where unaccounted cash is found (i) with the employees, (ii) in the premises of office and (iii) with the unauthorized persons in the office, the normal presumption shall be that it is illegal amount obtained from the parties. He also stated about the non-maintenance of certain mandatory records properly in the Office by the Government Servant. As per the standing order 9(f) in AP Registration Manual Part- II of the Registration and Stamps Department the Sub Registrar shall be over all in-charge of records of Registrar Office though the Senior Assistant may assist him in maintenance and preservation of the records etc facts. The DSP also obtained his signed statement.

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As per the Oral evidence mentioned vide serial Nos. 1, 2 & 13 in the Annexure -lll and documentary evidence mentioned vide serial Nos-1,3,6,7 & 8 in the Annexure - IV establishes the above acts exhibited by the Government Servant.

CHARGE-V:-

That the Government Servant was failed to maintain properly certain mandatory registers such as, 1) Attendance Register 2) Personal Cash Declaration Register Properly.

Facts and Evidence : -

On credible information that the Sub-Registrar and staff O/o Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu, East Godavari District were indulging in corrupt practices by way of collecting Mamools / bribe as commission through the document writers from the persons who would approach for registration in their office, the ACB officials of Rajamahendravaram Range conducted a Surprise check on the Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu in the presence of mediators 1) Sri G. Sandeep, 32 years, Asst. Engineer, Municipal Corporation, Rajamahendravaram and 2) Smt. P.V. Kameswari, 54 years, Junior Assistant, Municipal Corporation, Rajamahendravaram from 15.30 hours to 21.00 hrs on 02.09.2020.

The Surprise Check team consisting of Sri P. Ramachandra Rao, DSP, A.C.B., Rajamahendravaram Range and his staff along with the above mentioned two official mediators left the ACB office at 14.00 hours on 02.09.2020 and reached the vicinity of the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu at 15.00 hours.

After reaching the Sub-Registrar Office, Biccavolu, the search party got down from the vehicles and as per the instructions of the DSP, ACB all the raid party members to observe the happenings taking place in the Sub Registrar Office by concealing themselves in the public. Accordingly, all the members took vantage positions around the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu. After observing the proceedings for a while, raid was conducted on the said office at about 15.15 hours.

The Sub-Registrar Office is located besides Panchayat, Biccavolu, East Godavari District and is an old tiled building consisting of one Varandah, one hall which was portioned into Sub-Registrar’s Dias and Computers cabin where the staff of the Sub- Registrar’s office are attending to their office work. One record room and one extended RCC room which is being used as temporary record room and wash room is located in the North-West Corner to this room. On the Western side of the building one old shed is located which is being used by the document writers.

On entering into the office of the Sub-Registrar office, one female person aged about 53 yrs., was found sitting on the Dias of the Sub-Registrar in an office chair. Some persons were also present in front of the Dias of Sub-Registrar. The DSP introduced himself, mediators and other members of search party to the person sitting on the Dias and persons who were present in the office and explained the purpose of their visit. The DSP ascertained the identity of the person who was sitting on the Dias of Sub-Registrar as Smt. Pillarisetty Vijaya Lakshmi, W/o K. Vara Prasad, 53 years, Sub-Registrar, Registrations & Stamps Department, Biccavolu and requested her to extend her co- operation

during the surprise check. The DSP and other ACB officials allowed themselves to search their personal belongings and cash in the presence of mediators before the commencing the search. Later, the DSP instructed the Inspectors and staff to close the doors and windows of the office and observe the persons who were present in the office.

On the request of the DSP, the Sub-Registrar produced the attendance register. On perusal, it was noticed that the register is being maintained from 01.01.2020 to 02.09.2020. It is also found that the following staff viz., 1) P. Vijaya Lakshmi, Sub-Registrar, 2) Sri T. Ramakrishnam Raju, Jr. Asst., and 3) Sri S. Bhaskara Reddy, Jr. Asst., have signed on 02.09.2020 in the register. Sri K.V. Prasad, Sr. Assistant is absent for the duty without any permission or intimation. Smt. D.V. Ramanamma, Attender has attended for the duty but not signed in the attendance register. There is no counter sign of the Sub-Register in the attendance register.

During the course of Surprise check, on request of the DSP, ACB, Rajamahendravaram Range the Sub-Registrar has produced the records on verification the following registers are not maintained properly:

1. **Account – A Register: Vol.140:** The register is being maintained from 05.08.2020 containing pages from 01 to 300 written up to page No.38. As per the register, the last entry was made vide Document No.2169/2020, dtd. 02.09.2020 and it is written up to date.

2. **Account – B Register: Vol.24:** The register is being maintained from 08.06.1999 containing pages from 01 to 199 written up to page No.184 and it is written up to date.

3. **Account – C Register: Vol.34:**The register is being maintained from 27.07.2015 containing pages from 01 to 364 written up to page No.69. The register is written up to date.

4. **Account – D Register: Vol.48**: The register is being maintained from 25.04.2019 containing pages from 01 to 300 written up to page No.187. As per the register, the last entry was made on 10.01.2020. The register is written up to date.

5. **Account – G Register: Vol.56:** The register is being maintained from 01.07.2014 containing pages from 01 to 100 written up to page No.87. As per the register, the last entry was made on 31.08.2020. The register is written up to date.
6. **Account – H Register: Vol. Nil:** The register is being maintained from 01.06.2018 containing pages from 01 to 100 written up to page No.59. As per the register, the last entry was made on 31.08.2020. The register is written up to date.

7. **Court Fee Register, Vol.I:** The register is being maintained from 23.12.2011. As per the register, the last entry was made on 01.08.2020. The register is written up to date.

8. **Special Adhesive Stock Register:** The register is being maintained from 06.06.2016 containing pages from 01 to 268 written up to page

No.120. As per the register, the last entry was made on 01.09.2020. The register is written up to date.

9. **Personal Cash Declaration Register:** The register is being maintained from 12.03.2020 containing pages from 01 to 45 written up to page No.14. As per the register, the last entry was made on 02.09.2020. On 02.09.2020 the Sub- Registrar and other staff did not declare their personal cash except Sri Bhaskara Reddy, Jr. Assistant.

10. **User Charges Register:** Separately not maintained, but the user charges details are entered in the Account-A & D registers.

11. **Non-Judicial Stamp Stock Register: Vol.1:** The register is being maintained from 24.11.2019 containing pages from 01 to 45 written up to page No.29. As per the register, the last entry was made on 27.08.2020. The registered is written up to date.

12. **Stamps Sales Register:** The register is maintained from 20.01.2018 containing pages from 01 to 352 written up to page No.277. As per the register, last entry was made on 01.09.2020. On 02.09.2020 stamps worth Rs.160/- were sold to the public.

13. **History of the Office Register- Vol-5:** The register is being maintained from 04.11.1998. In this register, the dates of inspection by the District Registrar were entered and the last annual inspection was done by Sri Ch. Nagalingeswara Rao, District Registrar, Kakinada on 25.08.2020.

14. **Citizen Charter:** Citizen Charter board is not displayed in a visible place.

The DSP seized the Personal Cash Declaration Register and Attendance Register duly attested by mediators and the DSP and returned the remaining registers to the Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu.

During the enquiry the DSP secured Sri Ch. Nagalingeswara Rao, District Registrar, Kakinada, East Godavari district and examined him. On examination, he stated that he has been working as District Registrar, Kakinada, East Godavari District since 10.07.2019. Total 14 Sub-Registrar offices comes under his jurisdiction. On 02.09.2020 evening he came to know that the ACB Officials conducting raid on the office of Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu through DSP, ACB, Rajamahendravaram over phone and requested to attend Sub-Registrar to describe procedural aspects of the Sub-Registrar office. Then he informed the DSP that he could not attend the Sub-registrar office as he attended ACB Office, Rajamahendravaram and given the statement. the Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu comes under his jurisdiction. Smt. P. Vijaya Lakshmi has been working as Sub-Registrar in the Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu since 08.07.2019. There are 01 Senior Assistant, 02 Junior Assistants and 01 Office Sub-ordinate are working in the Sub-Registrar office along with the Sub-Registrar. After due perused of the copy of search proceedings, he came to know that certain irregularities were committed by the Sub-Registrar i.e., she has engaged one private person for doing official duties and other personal works. She also has allowed document writers/assistant document writers into the office, seizing of un-accounted amounts from the office staff by the ACB officials, non-

maintenance of certain mandatory records properly. As per Memo No.101/Spl.B/2000-4, G.A. (Spl.B) Dept., dt.17.4.2001, the Government clarified that Rule 12 of the A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules, 1964 clearly spells out that no Government servant should engage in any employment or work other than connected with his official duties and that there is no provision anywhere to engage a private person to perform official functions. It is illegal and amounts to misconduct to indulge in such activities. As per ACB mediators report he came to know that Smt. P. Vijaya Lakshmi, Sub-Registrar engaged one private person i.e., Ampolu Anil Kumar of Biccavolu Mandal for discharging official duties as against the rules in vogue. The Govt., also gave clear instructions vide Circular Memo No. X2/10708/94, dt.30.12.1997 issued by the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P., Hyderabad, it was clearly mentioned that 'In all cases of Surprise Checks where unaccounted cash is found (i) with the employees, (ii) in the presence of office and (iii) with the unauthorized persons in the office, the normal presumption shall be that it is illegal amount obtained from the parties. Hence, it is observed from the mediator's report that the collection of illegal gratification is allegedly going on in the Sub-Registrar Office, Biccavolu from the parties approaching for registration of documents etc., through private document writers. In U.O. Note No. 1515/SC. D/83-1, G.A (SC. D) Dept., dt. 18.8.1983, the Government directed that all Departments of Secretariat who have got check-posts and offices under their Heads of Department dealing with cash transactions to take necessary action to issue instructions through the concerned to the officials in check posts and Sub-Registry offices, Transport offices etc., as desired by the Director, Anti-Corruption Bureau to facilitate verification whether the money found at the time of the check on the person of the officers, actually belongs to them or is a bribe amount collected from parties and etc facts.

As per Circular Memo No. X2/10708/94, dt.30.12.1997 issued by the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P., Hyderabad, it was clearly mentioned that 'In all cases of Surprise Checks where unaccounted cash is found (i) with the employees, (ii) in the premises of office and (iii) with the unauthorized persons in the office, the normal presumption shall be that it is illegal amount obtained from the parties. He also stated about the non- maintenance of certain mandatory records properly in the Office by the Government Servant. As per the standing order 9(f) in AP Registration Manual Part- II of the Registration and Stamps Department the Sub Registrar shall be over all in-charge of records of Registrar Office though the Senior Assistant may assist him in maintenance and preservation of the records etc facts. The DSP also obtained his signed statement.

As per the Oral evidence mentioned vide serial Nos. 1, 2 & 13 in the Annexure -lll and documentary evidence mentioned vide serial Nos-1,2,3,6,7 & 8 in the Annexure - IV establishes the above acts exhibited by the Government Servant.

CHARGE-VI:-

That the Government Servant was failed to give satisfactory explanation forthe amount of Rs-25,000/- which was found in a Maroon color bag (Wild craft)

under the computer table of Sri Tummalapalli Ramakrishna Raju, Junior Assistant and an amount of Rs.2,400/- was also found in the left side table desk of Sri Tummalapalli Ramakrishna Raju, Junior Assistant neither Sri Tummalapalli Ramakrishna Raju nor the Sub-Register fail to submitted the account for the same which revealed that Smt. P. Vijaya Lakshmi, Sub Register is also responsible for the said unaccounted money.

Facts and evidence:-

On credible information that the Sub-Registrar and staff O/o Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu, East Godavari District were indulging in corrupt practices by way of collecting Mamools/bribe as commission through the document writers from the persons who would approach for registration in their office, the ACB officials of Rajamahendravaram Range conducted a Surprise check on the Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu in the presence of mediators 1) Sri G. Sandeep, 32 years, Asst. Engineer, Municipal Corporation, Rajamahendravaram and 2) Smt. P.V. Kameswari, 54 years, Junior Assistant, Municipal Corporation, Rajamahendravaram from 15.30 hours to 21.00 hrs on 02.09.2020.

The Surprise Check team consisting of Sri P. Ramachandra Rao, DSP, A.C.B., Rajamahendravaram Range and his staff along with the above mentioned two official mediators left the ACB office at 14.00 hours on 02.09.2020 and reached the vicinity of the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu at 15.00 hours.

After reaching the Sub-Registrar Office, Biccavolu, the search party got down from the vehicles and as per the instructions of the DSP, ACB all the raid party members to observe the happenings taking place in the Sub Registrar Office by concealing themselves in the public. Accordingly, all the members took vantage positions around the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu. After observing the proceedings for a while, raid was conducted on the said office at about 15.15 hours.

The Sub-Registrar Office is located besides Panchayat, Biccavolu, East Godavari District and is an old tiled building consisting of one Varandah, one hall which was portioned into Sub-Registrar's Dias and Computers cabin where the staff of the Sub- Registrar's office are attending to their office work. One record room and one extended RCC room which is being used as temporary record room and wash room is located in the North-West Corner to this room. On the Western side of the building one old shed is located which is being used by the document writers.

On entering into the office of the Sub-Registrar office, one female person aged about 53 yrs., was found sitting on the Dias of the Sub-Registrar in an office chair. Some persons were also present in front of the Dias of Sub-Registrar. The DSP introduced himself, mediators and other members of search party to the person sitting on the Dias and persons who were present in the office and explained the purpose of their visit. The DSP ascertained the identity of the person who was sitting on the Dias of Sub-Registrar as Smt. Pillarisetty Vijaya Lakshmi, W/o K. Vara Prasad, 53 years, Sub-Registrar, Registrations & Stamps Department, Biccavolu and requested her to extend her co- operation during the surprise check. The DSP and other ACB officials allowed themselves to search their personal belongings and cash in the presence of mediators before the commencing the search. Later, the DSP instructed the Inspectors and staff to

close the doors and windows of the office and observe the persons who were present in the office.

On the request of the DSP, the staff found in the computer room disclosed their identity as 1) Sri Sathi Bhaskara Reddy, S/o Venkata Ramireddy, 32 years, Junior Assistant, O/o Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu, R/o Tarvanipeta, Mandapeta, 2) Sri Tummalapalli Ramakrishnam Raju, Satyanarayana, 36 years, Junior Assistant, O/o Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu, R/o D.No.10-5-19, Ramaraopet, Kakinada. Along with the above staff two Asst. Document Writers namely 1) Nidadavolu Seshagiri, S/o Subbarao, 32 years, Asst. of Goli Bapiraju, Document Writer, R/o D.No.54-2-20, Gopalanagar, Rajamahendravaram, 2) Ijjana Vijaya Kumar, S/o Veerraju, 26 years, Asst. of Goli Bapiraju, Document Writer, R/o Dontamuru Village, Rangampeta were also present in the computers room.

When a thorough search was conducted in the computer room, **an amount of Rs.25,000/- was found in a Maroon colour bag (Wild craft) under the computer table of Sri Tummalapalli Ramakrishnam Raju, Junior Assistant. When DSP questioned him about the amount, he failed to give satisfactory explanation. An amount of Rs.2,400/- was also found in the left side table desk of Sri Tummalapalli Ramakrishnam Raju, Junior Assistant and he also failed to give proper explanation for the said amount.** The DSP also enquired all the private persons present in the office premises about the unaccounted cash but nobody in the office premises came and claimed the said amount. The DSP seized the amounts of Rs.25,000/- and Rs.2,400/- for the purpose of further proceedings.

During the enquiry the DSP secured Sri Ch. Nagalingeswara Rao, District Registrar, Kakinada, East Godavari district and examined him. On examination, he stated that he has been working as District Registrar, Kakinada, East Godavari District since 10.07.2019. Total 14 Sub-Registrar offices comes under his jurisdiction. On 02.09.2020 evening he came to know that the ACB Officials conducting raid on the office of Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu through DSP, ACB, Rajamahendravaram over phone and requested to attend Sub-Registrar to describe procedural aspects of the Sub-Registrar office. Then he informed the DSP that he could not attend the Sub-registrar office as he had applied for leave on 03.09.2020 & 04.09.2020. On 14.09.2020 he has attended ACB Office, Rajamahendravaram and given the statement. the Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu comes under his jurisdiction. Smt. P. Vijaya Lakshmi has been working as Sub-Registrar in the Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu since 08.07.2019. There are 01 Senior Assistant, 02 Junior Assistants and 01 Office Sub-ordinate are working in the Sub Registrar office along with the Sub-Registrar. After due perused of the copy of search proceedings, he came to know that certain irregularities were committed by the Sub-Registrar i.e., she has engaged one private person for doing official duties and other personal works. She also has allowed document writers/assistant document writers into the office, seizing of un-accounted amounts from the office staff by the ACB officials, non-maintenance of certain mandatory records properly. As per Memo No.101/Spl.B/2000-4, G.A. (Spl.B) Dept., dt.17.4.2001, the Government clarified that Rule 12 of the A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules, 1964 clearly spells out that no Government servant should engage in any employment or work other than connected with his official duties and that there is no provision anywhere to engage a private person to perform official functions. It is illegal and amounts to misconduct to indulge in such activities. As per ACB mediators report he came to know that Smt. P. Vijaya Lakshmi, Sub-Registrar engaged one private person

i.e., Ampolu Anil Kumar of Biccavolu Mandal for discharging official duties as against the rules in vogue. The Govt., also gave clear instructions vide Circular Memo No. X2/10708/94, dt.30.12.1997 issued by the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P., Hyderabad, it was clearly mentioned that 'In all cases of Surprise Checks where unaccounted cash is found (i) with the employees, (ii) in the presence of office and (iii) with the unauthorized persons in the office, the normal presumption shall be that it is illegal amount obtained from the parties. Hence, it is observed from the mediator's report that the collection of illegal gratification is allegedly going on in the Sub-Registrar Office, Biccavolu from the parties approaching for registration of documents etc., through private document writers. In U.O. Note No. 1515/SC.D/83-1, G.A (SC. D) Dept., dt. 18.8.1983, the Government directed that all Departments of Secretariat who have got check-posts and offices under their Heads of Department dealing with cash transactions to take necessary action to issue instructions the concerned to the officials in check posts and Sub-Registry offices, Transport offices etc., as desired by the Director, Anti - Corruption Bureau to facilitate verification whether the money found at the time of the check on the person of the officers, actually belongs to them or is a bribe amount collected from parties and etc facts.

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As per the Oral evidence mentioned vide serial Nos. 1, 2 & 13 in the Annexure-lll and documentary evidence mentioned vide serial Nos-1,4 (I to XI),6,7 & 8 in the Annexure - IV establishes the above acts exhibited by the Government Servant.

CHARGE-VII:-

That the Government Servant was failed to give satisfactory explanation for un accounted amount of Rs.7,050/- which was seized from a dust bin in old shed which is on the rear side of the chamber of Sub-Registrar during the Surprise Check at the instance of Sri A. Anil Kumar, private person engaged by the Government servant who is responsible for the said unaccounted money.

Facts and evidence:-

On credible information that the Sub-Registrar and staff O/o Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu, East Godavari District were indulging in corrupt practices by way of collecting Mamools/bribe as commission through the document writers from the persons who would approach for registration in their office, the ACB officials of Rajamahendravaram Range conducted a Surprise check on the Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu in the presence of mediators 1) Sri G. Sandeep, 32 years, Asst. Engineer, Municipal Corporation, Rajamahendravaram and 2) Smt. P.V. Kameswari, 54 years, Junior Assistant, Municipal Corporation, Rajamahendravaram from 15.30 hours to 21.00 hrs on 02.09.2020.

The Surprise Check team consisting of Sri P. Ramachandra Rao, DSP, A.C.B., Rajamahendravaram Range and his staff along with the above mentioned two official mediators left the ACB office at 14.00 hours on 02.09.2020 and reached the vicinity of the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu at 15.00 hours.

After reaching the Sub-Registrar Office, Biccavolu, the search party got down from the vehicles and as per the instructions of the DSP, ACB all the raid party members to observe the happenings taking place in the Sub Registrar Office by concealing themselves in the public. Accordingly, all the members took vantage positions around the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu. After observing the proceedings for a while, raid was conducted on the said office at about 15.15 hours.

The Sub-Registrar Office is located besides Panchayat, Biccavolu, East Godavari District and is an old tiled building consisting of one Varandah, one hall which was portioned into Sub-Registrar's Dias and Computers cabin where the staff of the Sub-Registrar's office are attending to their office work. One record room and one extended RCC room which is being used as temporary record room and wash room is located in the North-West Corner to this room. On the Western side of the building one old shed is located which is being used by the document writers.

On entering into the office of the Sub-Registrar office, one female person aged about 53 yrs., was found sitting on the Dias of the Sub-Registrar in an office chair. Some persons were also present in front of the Dias of Sub-Registrar. The DSP introduced himself, mediators and other members of search party to the person sitting on the Dias and persons who were present in the office and explained the purpose of their visit. The DSP ascertained the identity of the person who was sitting on the Dias of Sub-Registrar as Smt. Pillarisetty Vijaya Lakshmi, W/o K. Vara Prasad, 53 years, Sub-Registrar, Registrations & Stamps Department, Biccavolu and requested her to extend her co-operation during the surprise check. The DSP and other ACB officials allowed themselves to search their personal belongings and cash in the presence of mediators before the commencing the search. Later, the DSP instructed the Inspectors and staff to close the doors and windows of the office and observe the persons who were present in the office.

The search party separated the persons in the office of Sub-Registrar and ascertaining their identity, on knowing the identity of the ACB Officials, a person wearing Black & Cement colour full-sleeves T-shirt rushed into the old shed of

the document writers. On suspicion, the ACB officials followed and intercepted him in the shed and ascertained his name and identity as Sri Ampolu Anil Kumar, S/o Veerraju, 31 years, Private employee, O/o Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu, R/o D.No.8-68, Kothapeta, Biccavolu, East Godavari District. **On enquiry, as to why he was rushed into the old shed, he became panic and on further enquiry he produced three wads of currency notes total Rs.7,050/- and one paper slip written as S.R. 500 from the dust bin in the old document writer's room.** On examination, he stated that he was engaged by the Sub-Registrar about six months back on a daily wage basis of Rs.100/- per day. Every day he used to come to office at 10.30 a.m. His duty is to take photos and finger prints of the claimants and executants who come for registration and also attend the works as assigned by the Sub-Registrar and staff and also supply tea to the Sub-Registrar and staff. On 02.09.2020 he attended duty at 10.30 a.m. At about 14.30 hrs., he came to Sub-Registrar office after having lunch. When asked about the cash produced by him, he failed to account for the amount of Rs.7,050/- found in his possession. The DSP seized the said amount.

During the enquiry the DSP secured Sri Ch. Nagalingeswara Rao, District Registrar, Kakinada, East Godavari district and examined him. On examination, he stated that he has been working as District Registrar, Kakinada, East Godavari District since 10.07.2019. Total 14 Sub-Registrar offices comes under his jurisdiction. On 02.09.2020 evening he came to know that the ACB Officials conducting raid on the office of Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu through DSP, ACB, Rajamahendravaram over phone and requested to attend Sub-Registrar to describe procedural aspects of the Sub-Registrar office. Then he informed the DSP that he could not attend the Sub-registrar office as he had applied for leave on 03.09.2020 & 04.09.2020. On 14.09.2020 he has attended ACB Office, Rajamahendravaram and given the statement. the Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu comes under his jurisdiction. Smt. P. Vijaya Lakshmi has been working as Sub-Registrar in the Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu since 08.07.2019. There are 01 Senior Assistant, 02 Junior Assistants and 01 Office Sub-ordinate are working in the Sub-Registrar office along with the Sub-Registrar. After due perused of the copy of search proceedings, he came to know that certain irregularities were committed by the Sub-Registrar i.e., she has engaged one private person for doing official duties and other personal works. She also has allowed document writers/assistant document writers into the office, seizing of un-accounted amounts from the office staff by the ACB officials, non-maintenance of certain mandatory records properly. As per Memo No.101/Spl.B/2000-4 G.A. (Spl.B) Dept., dt.17.4.2001, the Government clarified that Rule 12 of the A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules, 1964 clearly spells out that no Government servant should engage in any employment or work other than connected with his official duties and that there is no provision anywhere to engage a private person to perform official functions. **It is illegal and amounts to misconduct to indulge in such activities. As per ACB mediators report he came to know that Smt. P. Vijaya Lakshmi, Sub-Registrar engaged one private person i.e., Ampolu Anil Kumar of Biccavolu Mandal for discharging official duties as against the rules in vogue.** The Govt., also gave clear instructions vide Circular Memo No. X2/10708/94, dt.30.12.1997 issued by the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P., Hyderabad, it was clearly mentioned that 'In all cases of Surprise Checks where unaccounted cash is found (i) with the employees, (ii) in the presence of office and (iii) with the unauthorized persons in the office, **the normal presumption shall be that it is illegal amount obtained from the parties. Hence, it is observed from the mediator's report that the collection of**

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Thus, the Government Servant by her above mentioned acts exhibited lack of devotion to duty, and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby violated / contravened Rules 3(1), (2) & (5) of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules, 1964 and thereby the Government Servant rendered herself for Regular Departmental Enquiry for Major Penalty under Rule 20 of APCS (CC & A) Rules, 1991.

G. JAYALAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE – III

LIST OF WITNESSES:

1. **Sri Grandhi Sandeep, S/o G.V.S.N. Murthy, 32 years, Asst. Engineer, Municipal Corporation, Rajamahendravaram, R/o D.No.38-76-9, Syamalanagar, Rajamahendravaram:**

He is the Mediator-1 and speaks about the facts of Surprise Check proceedings, seizure of the unaccounted amount from the possession of Document writers/Asst. document writers/Private Assistant and from the possession of the staff in the premises of Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu and etc., facts.

2. **Smt. Parasa Venkata Kameswari, W/o Rangacharyulu, 54 years, Junior Assistant, Municipal Corporation, Rajamahendravaram, R/o D.No. 73-18-19/33, Flat No. B-1, Gongotri Apartments, A.V. Apparao Road, Rajamahendravaram:**

She is the Mediator-2 and speaks about the facts of Surprise Check proceedings, seizure of the unaccounted amount from the possession of Document writers/Asst. document writers/Private Assistant and from the possession of the staff in the premises of Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu and etc., facts.

3. **Sri Ampolu Anil Kumar, S/o Veerraju, 31 years, Private employee, O/o Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu, R/o D.No.8-68, Kothapeta, Biccavolu, East Godavari District:**

He speaks about that he was engaged by the Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu on a daily wage basis @ Rs.100/- for doing officials works like, taking photos and finger prints of the claimants and executants who come for registration, attend the works as assigned by the Sub-Registrar and staff and also supply tea to the Sub-Registrar and staff. He speaks about the Surprise Check conducted by the ACB Officials on 02.09.2020 and seizure of unaccounted amount of Rs.7,050/- at his behest from a dust bin in the old shed behind the chamber of the Sub-Registrar etc., facts.

4. **Sri Goli Bapiraju, S/o Jeevaratnam, 42 years, Document Writer, O/o Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu, East Godavari District, R/o D.No.4-43, G. Donthamuru (V), Rangampeta (M), East Godavari District:**

He speaks about that he has been working as Document Writer in Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu and speaks about collecting of Rs.2000/- for registration of each

document from the parties. On 02.09.2020, he came to Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu along with Ijjana Vijaya Kumar and Nidadavolu Seshagiri for registration of two documents. He further speaks about the Surprise Check conducted by the ACB Officials on 02.09.2020 and seizure of an unaccounted cash of Rs.17,500/- from his possession and seizure of amounts from the possession of other document writers and staff etc., facts.

5. Sri Kaki Venkannababu, S/o Late Sankaram, 31 years, Asst. Document Writer to Sri V. Balaji (Document Writer), O/o Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu, R/o D.No.3-16, Rajapalem Village, Peddapudi Mandal, East Godavari District:

He speaks about that he has been working as Asst. Document Writer to Sri V.Balaji, Document Writer, O/o Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu and collects Rs.500/- to Rs.600/- for registration of each document as charges from the parties. On 02.09.2020, he came to the office of Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu along with Sri Tatavarthi Durga Prasad, Secondary Grade Teacher and submitted one sale deed which was endorsed by Dwarapudi Satayananda Reddy, Document Writer. He also speaks about the Surprise Check conducted by the ACB Officials on 02.09.2020 at about 15.15 hrs., and seizure of unaccounted amount of Rs.2,060/- from him and seizure of amounts from the possession of other document writers and staff etc., facts.

6. Sri Tatavarthi Durga Prasad, S/o Venkata Ratnam, 50 years, Secondary Grade Teacher, Rangapuram (V), Biccavolu (M), East Godavari District, R/o D.No.3-3, Rangapuram (V), Biccavolu (M):

He speaks about that he is working as SGT in M.P.P. School, Rangapuram village and speaks about he is working as Document Writer prior to the present post. He speaks about the attending of registrations along with his friend Sri Kaki Venkannababu, document writer. On 02.09.2020, he attended Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu along with Kaki Venkannababu at 15.00 hrs., for registration of one document which was endorsed by Dwarapudi Satayananda Reddy, Document Writer. He also speaks about the Surprise Check conducted by the ACB Officials on 02.09.2020 at about 15.15 hrs., and siezure of unaccounted amount of Rs.4,790/- from his possession and seizure of amounts from the possession of other document writers and staff etc., facts.

7. Sri Vaddadi Venkata Tammiraju, S/o Venkata Suryanarayana Murthy, 62 years, Document Writer, O/o Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu, R/o D.No.9-104, Konkuduru Village, Biccavolu Mandal, East Godavari District:

He speaks about that he has working as Document Writer in Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu since 33 years. He used to collect Rs.2,000/- for registration of each document towards his charges from the parties. On 02.09.2020, he came to the office of Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu for miscellaneous works. He also speaks about the Surprise Check conducted by the ACB Officials on 02.09.2020 at about 15.15 hrs., and seizure of unaccounted amount of Rs.610/- from him and seizure of amounts from the possession of other document writers and staff etc., facts.

8. Nidadavolu Seshagiri, S/o Subbarao, 32 years, Asst. of Goli Bapiraju, Document Writer, R/o D.No.54-2-20, Gopalanagar, Rajamahendravaram:

He speaks about that he is working as Asst. Document Writer to Sri Goli Bapiraju, Document Writer in Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu. Sri Goli Bapiraju has been paying an amount of Rs.6,000/- p.m. On 02.09.2020, he came to the office of Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu along with Ijjana Vijaya Kumar, Asst. Document Writer to assist Goli Bapiraju, Document Writer. He also speaks about the Surprise Check conducted by the ACB Officials on 02.09.2020 at about 15.15 hrs., and seizure of amounts from the possession of other document writers and staff etc., facts.

9. Ijjana Vijaya Kumar, S/o Veerraju, 26 years, Asst. of Goli Bapiraju, Document Writer, R/o Dontamuru Village, Rangampeta:

He speaks that he is working as Asst. Document Writer to Sri Goli Bapiraju, Document Writer in Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu. Sri Goli Bapiraju has been paying an amount of Rs.6,000/- p.m. On 02.09.2020, he came to the office of Sub- Registrar, Biccavolu along with Sri Nidadavolu Seshagiri, Asst. Document Writer to assist Goli Bapiraju, Document Writer. He also speaks about the Surprise Check conducted by the ACB Officials on 02.09.2020 at about 15.15 hrs., and seizure of unaccounted amount of Rs.1000/- from his possession and seizure of amounts from the possession of other document writers and staff etc., facts.

10. Sri Bavisetti Veeranna, S/o Veeranna, 61 years, Driver (out-sourcing), R/o Kovvuru Village, Kakinada Rural Mandal, East Godavari District:

He speaks that he is working as personal car driver to the Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu Smt. P. Vijayalakshmi, Sub-Registrar is paying Rs.11,000/- p.m. He also speaks about the Surprise Check conducted by the ACB Officials on 02.09.2020 at about 15.15 hrs., and seizing of unaccounted amount of Rs.1000/- from his possession and seizure of amounts from the possession of other document writers and staff etc., facts.

11. Smt Aruna Kumari, W/o Ramudu, R/o Ramatayam Street, Elakolunu Village, Rangampeta Mandal, East Godavari District:

She speaks that she came to the Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu on 02.09.2020 for registration of his agricultural land through Sri Goli Bapiraju, Document writer and she has paid Rs.79,175/- for Stamp Duty charges and Registration charges and also Sri Goli Bapiraju, Document writer has taken an amount of Rs.10,000/- as formality and ect., facts.

12. Sri Nallamilli Ramashankar Reddy, S/o Chandrashekar Reddy, A/22, D-No-1- 43, Ramalayam Street, Golalla Mamidada Village, Pedhapudi Mandal, East Godavari District:

He speaks that he came to the Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu on 02.09.2020 for registration of his agricultural land through Sri Kaki Venkannababu, assistant to Sri Dwarapudi Satyananda Reddy Document writer and he has paid Rs.1,18,000/- for Stamp Duty charges and Registration charges and also Sri Kaki Venkannababu assistant to Sri Dwarapudi Satyananda Reddy Document writer has taken an amount of Rs.13,000/- as formality and ect., facts.

13. <u>Sri Ch. Nagalingeswara Rao, R/o Ramarao, District Registrar, Kakinada:</u>

He speaks that Smt. P. Vijaya Lakshmi has been working as Sub-Registrar in the O/o Sub-Registrar, Biccavolu and speaks about the working of other employees in the Sub-Registrar office, Biccavolu. He also speaks about the procedural aspects with regard to maintenance of Sub – Registrar office. He also speaks about the Circular Memo No. X2/10708/94, dt.30.12.1997 issued by the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps, A.P., Hyderabad, In U.O. Note No. 1515/SC.D/83-1 G.A (SC.D) Dept., dt. 18.8.1983, Memo No.101/Spl.B/2000-4, G.A.(Spl.B) Dept., dt.17.4.2001 and Rule 12 of the A.P.C.S.(Conduct) Rules, 1964 and etc., facts.